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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shigeru NAKANO

Group Art Unit: 2172

Serial No.: 09/901,595

Examiner: Chongshan Chen

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PARKHURST & WENDEL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified application. The shortened statutory period having expired December 15, 2003, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for three months. There is also attached our Check No. 17440 in the amount of \$950.00 in payment for:

- Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$110.00) [\$55.00].
- Extension fee for response within second month pursuant to §1.136(a) (\$420.00) [\$210.00].
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 16-0331. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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